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(54) Title: COMPOSITIONS AND METHODS FOR THE DETECTION, DIAGNOSIS AND THERAPY OF HEMATOLOGICAL MALIGNANCIES

(57) Abstract: Disclosed are methods and compositions for the detection, diagnosis, prognosis, and therapy of hematological malignancies, and in particular, B cell leukemias, lymphomas and multiple myelomas. Disclosed are compositions, methods and kits for eliciting immune and T cell responses to specific malignancy-related antigenic polypeptides and antigenic polypeptide fragments thereof in an animal. Also disclosed are compositions and methods for use in the identification of cells and biological samples containing one or more hematological malignancy-related compositions, and methods for the detection and diagnosis of such diseases and affected cell types. Also disclosed are diagnostic and therapeutic kits, as well as methods for the diagnosis, therapy and/or prevention of a variety of leukemias and lymphomas.

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A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER

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B. FIELDS SEARCHED

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Genbank

C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category *	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
X	Database Genbank on NCBI, US National Library of Medicine, (Bethesda, MD, USA), No. AB027233, FUJII, Y. 'Homo sapiens mRNA for membrane protein FOAP-12' 21 June 2001. see entire sequence.	1-3

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Box I Observations where certain claims were found unsearchable (Continuation of Item 1 of first sheet)

This international report has not been established in respect of certain claims under Article 17(2)(a) for the following reasons:

1. Claim Nos.:
because they relate to subject matter not required to be searched by this Authority, namely:

2. Claim Nos.:
because they relate to parts of the international application that do not comply with the prescribed requirements to such an extent that no meaningful international search can be carried out, specifically:

3. Claim Nos.:
because they are dependent claims and are not drafted in accordance with the second and third sentences of Rule 6.4(a).

Box II Observations where unity of invention is lacking (Continuation of Item 2 of first sheet)

This International Searching Authority found multiple inventions in this international application, as follows:

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1. As all required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this international search report covers all searchable claims.
2. As all searchable claims could be searched without effort justifying an additional fee, this Authority did not invite payment of any additional fee.
3. As only some of the required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this international search report covers only those claims for which fees were paid, specifically claims Nos.:

4. No required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant. Consequently, this international search report is restricted to the invention first mentioned in the claims; it is covered by claims Nos.: 1-3 and SEQ ID NO: 1

Remark on Protest

The additional search fees were accompanied by the applicant's protest.
 No protest accompanied the payment of additional search fees.

INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

BOX II. OBSERVATIONS WHERE UNITY OF INVENTION IS LACKING

Groups 1-85: Isolated Nucleic Acids, Vectors: Group 1 =Seq ID No 1 and claims 1-3; Group 2=Seq ID No 2 and claims 1-3. etc...

This logic follows for the rest of the groups.

Groups 86-122: Isolated Polypeptides: Group 86=Seq ID No 4 and claim 9; Group 87=Seq ID No 6 and claim 9. etc.

Groups 123-244: Antibodies/Immunocomjugates: Group 123=Seq ID No. 1 and claims 4, 5, 10-13. etc.

Groups 245-330: Medicament using Polynucleotides: Group 245=Seq ID No 1 and claims 6-8. etc.

Groups 331-367: Medicament using Polypeptides: Group 331=Seq ID No 4 and claims 14-16. etc.

The inventions listed as Groups 1-367 do not relate to a single general inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1 because, under PCT Rule 13.2, they lack the same or corresponding special technical features for the following reasons:

The inventions listed as Groups 1-367 do not relate to a single general inventive concept under PCT Rule 13.1 because, under PCT Rule 13.2, they lack the same or corresponding special technical features for the following reasons: Each of the sequences of SEQ ID NOS 1-121 and 124 are separate and distinct polynucleotides or polypeptides having differing sequences, structures, and biochemical activities. As such, no single sequence is a shared special technical feature across all the Groups.

Please note that the examiner has interpreted claim number 1 to read: An isolated polynucleotide as set forth in SEQ ID NO:1 wherein said polynucleotide encodes a polypeptide or an immunogenic fragment thereof.